

Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn, and Enduring Freedom/Spartan Shield.

During his time in the Army, General Jones also found time to further his education and training, earning a master's degree from the United States War College in 2008. He served in multiple flag officer assignments across the country. After he earned the rank of Army Reserve two-star general, General Jones was promoted to Commander of the 81st Readiness Division in 2017. In this position, General Jones was responsible for ensuring his units—a group amounting to 50,000 soldiers—were fully trained throughout the Southeastern United States region.

During his career, General Jones exemplified excellence and service. He has earned multiple decorations in his career, including Legion of Merit Medals, Bronze Star Medals, and Meritorious Service Medals, to name a few. In his civilian career, General Jones worked for Hallmark Cards Inc. for 28 years as a Plant Engineering Manager before deciding to return to his roots in Texas, where he works for the family insurance business in Bryan as the Business Development and Human Capital Manager.

It is an honor to celebrate General Jones' leadership and unwavering commitment to our great country. I am proud to join his wife Cheryl, their two daughters, and two grandchildren to thank him for a long, devoted career of service and wish him well as he begins this next chapter of life.

DEBATE ON H.R. 1668, THE IOT CYBERSECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

**HON. ROBIN L. KELLY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, in regards to a technical question from some of my colleagues, H.R. 1668 will set the minimum security policies and vulnerability disclosure guidance for the procurement of government Internet of Things devices. To ensure that devices do not slip through the cracks, Section 7 of this bill includes a simplified acquisition threshold provision. The intent of this section is to ensure that all contracts, even those below the simplified acquisition threshold, are subject to the standards and guidelines developed under section 4 or the guidelines published under section 5.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH T. McELVEEN, JR.

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and the retiring Mayor of my hometown of Sumter, South Carolina. Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. is a dedicated public servant and an ardent advocate for Sumter. His leadership will be missed, but I know he will continue to be an active part of his beloved community.

Joe McElveen and I share the hometown of Sumter and are blessed to have had entrepre-

neurial parents to teach us. His father, John, owned a bicycle shop and ice cream parlor on Liberty Street across from my mother's beauty shop. The two of them created a partnership that resulted in my brothers and me spending our summers selling his ice cream from our mother's push carts in our neighborhood. I am grateful that the relationship between our families developed into a lifelong friendship between us.

Joe attended public schools in Sumter and graduated from The Citadel in 1968. He was a Gold Star student and a Distinguished Air Force Student and Graduate. Following college graduation, Joe went on to attend the University of South Carolina Law School, where he served on the Editorial Board of the South Carolina Law Review and published two articles. He graduated and was admitted to the Bar in 1971.

After law school, Joe served in the U.S. Air Force as an administrative officer for the 728th Tactical Fighter Support Squadron. When his active duty service ended, he continued in reserve duty as a Staff Judge Advocate until 1977. During that time, Joe joined the Bryan Law Firm and became a partner in 1975. His legal career focused on family law and workers' compensation.

Joe served on the House of Delegates and Board of Governors for the South Carolina Bar Association, and as a board member of the Workplace Litigation Group. He also received the Gold Compleat Lawyer Award by the South Carolina School of Law in 1996.

In addition to his success as a lawyer, Joe is also dedicated to serving his community. He has served on the Sumter County Drug Abuse Council and as a member of the City of Sumter Zoning Board of Adjustments and the City/County Planning Commission. He has also served as president of the Sumter Jaycees, the Sumter Optimist Club and the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the board of the Sumter Family YMCA and was recognized for his service by the March of Dimes and the Heart Association.

Joe has also held elective office. He was elected to Sumter City Council for two years, serving from 1984 to 1986. In 1986, he began representing Sumter County in the South Carolina House, where he served on the Judiciary and Rules Committee. He also served two terms as Majority Leader and left the State Legislature in 1996. In 2000, Joe ran for and was elected Mayor of our hometown.

With his retirement this year as Mayor of Sumter, Joe leaves as the longest serving Mayor in the city's history. He also leaves a legacy of making the City of Sumter a better place. I was pleased to work with the Mayor to secure federal funding to renovate an old warehouse into a much-needed Intermodal Transportation Center. Later the Regional Transportation Authority honored me by naming the Center in my honor and I was present for its dedication in 2008. We also worked closely together to bring resources and services to economically distressed communities through three HOPE (Harvest Opportunity and Promoting Empowerment) Centers in the federally designated Sumter Columbia Empowerment Zone.

As Mayor, Joe also oversaw a revitalization of Sumter's historic downtown. The Sumter Opera House was restored as a center for entertainment, a new Public Safety Complex was

opened, and public parks including Memorial Park, Palmetto Park and Swan Lake Iris Gardens have been upgraded. During his tenure, he encouraged Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification in new construction and renovations to public buildings to promote sustainability.

He also expanded sports and recreational opportunities by opening the City of Sumter Aquatics Center and the Palmetto Tennis Center. Joe also led the initiative to decrease vacant properties by more than 22-percent and developed the PRIDE program to help 564 owners clean up blighted properties. His efforts to improve Sumter, were recognized when the City was recognized as a Top 20 finalist in the 2019 All American City Competition hosted by the National League of Cities.

Joe is a longtime member of The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) and was elected to the 28-member USCM Advisory Board. He also serves as Chair of the Veteran Affairs Task Force and Vice Chair of the Membership Committee.

He is married to the former Kathy Watson. They have two children, Thomas (Bronwyn) and Kate Price (Nick), and two grandchildren Adelaide and Joe McElveen. The family attends First Presbyterian Church, where Joe has served as a deacon and an elder.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me wishing Mayor Joe McElveen a happy and healthy retirement from public life. He has demonstrated through this lifetime of service that he is motivated by his love of his community and its people. He has given his time and his talents to ensure Sumter continues to grow and thrive. It is a better place because of his service, and that is a tremendous legacy of which he should be extremely proud.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE NFL

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my fellow representative, Mr. Bob Gibbs, to wish the National Football League a happy 100th birthday. One hundred years ago today, 15 people met in an automobile showroom in Canton, Ohio to form what would become the National Football League. From these humble beginnings, the NFL has grown into a pre-eminent American sports league, comprised of 32 teams from 22 states across the country.

Over its first 100 years, the NFL has become a fixture in American life. The league is an American institution that brings together individuals of all ages, races, and backgrounds through a common enthusiasm for and appreciation for the game of football. Through good times and bad, the NFL has consistently reflected the spirit of the American people, displaying resilience, optimism, and resolve through periods of war, economic distress, natural disasters, and the current pandemic. Last season, the NFL concluded the celebration of its 100th season with a thrilling Super Bowl championship that was viewed by over 100 million Americans.

Although the league celebrated its 100th season in 2019, the League's 100th birthday